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Noel West/MVP Staff
 Cheryl Sword at
 the White Raven
 Emporium.

White Raven moves to West Kootenays

BY FRANK DABBS
 MVP Staff

After 10 years as a hub for Didsbury artists and gift shoppers, The White Raven Emporium is closing its doors at the end of August.

Proprietor Cheryl Sword and her husband Terry are moving to Harrop, B.C. in the West Kootenays and taking the White Raven name and business with them to be near their children.

The White Raven has "morphed," said Sword, into an eclectic gift and art shop that sells crystals, Tibetan singing bowls, Buddhist brass, teak wood

giftware and the work of Didsbury-area wood, ceramic, watercolour and oil artists.

Their decision to close the emporium leaves a gap for the artists that Cheryl has mentored and customers told of her departure are dismayed.

She plans to maintain a Facebook page to continue to serve the collectors and buyers who now rely on her.

Wood artist Lody Van Den Berg makes imaginative birdhouses that Sword has sold worldwide as well as in the White Raven, and said he isn't sure what he'll do without the White Raven.

"I won't build as many birdhouses as

I used to, I guess," Van Den Berg said.

"I'll stand in front of the store like a lost puppy and wonder where Cheryl and Terry went," he said.

Sword is a Saskatchewan native who lived in Nelson, B.C. before coming to Alberta 13 years ago.

She began selling Bali imports in Carstairs because she had a friend in Bali who was starting an export business.

She has operated the White Raven for nearly 10 years, and the gifts and art have become more diverse as time has gone by.

"The White Raven has become a meet-

ing place for artists and gift buyers; a place where people connect and visit as well as buy," Sword said.

"For me it is a journey, not a business", she said, noting that for example she has become "obsessed" with crystals.

Sword acknowledges that she has had an important relationship with many artists.

"The Didsbury area has so much talent," she said.

However, Sword doesn't think she will be irreplaceable.

"The artists will take care of each other after the White Raven closes," she said.



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Cindy Feeg preps a sign on the Union Bank building for repainting on Aug. 7. It is the oldest commercial building in Didsbury.

First woman minister at Bergthal Mennonite

BY FRANK DABBS

MVP Staff

The 104-member Bergthal Mennonite Church has called a new minister who will be the first woman to hold the position in its 100-year history.

Rev. Anna-Lisa Salo will start her pastorate Sept. 1 and plans to move to Didsbury in mid-August to settle in.

She replaces interim ministers Rev. Ken Bechtal and Rev. Jim Shantz who have job-shared the post for two years.

"Why Didsbury? It boils down to the people," Salo said in an interview.

"They are welcoming and friendly, and the congregation has done a lot of work on its future together."

Church chairman Dave Derksen said

the congregation was searching for a minister who could work with an aging membership but who could draw more people, especially young people, and who would be a part of a new start.

"It is a good fit," said Salo.

She was looking for an urban or semi-urban pastorate, but rural opportunities continually came up.

"You know, you have to listen to what God is saying to you," Salo said.

She visited Didsbury as a candidate for the position the weekend of May 22 to 24.

"She preached Sunday after sharing a fellowship meal with us at the church on Saturday evening," said search committee member Brian Hildebrandt.

The following week, the membership

voted to call her.

"She received her bachelor of theology degree at Canadian Mennonite College in Winnipeg (now Canadian Mennonite University)," Hildebrandt said.

"Then she went to University of Waterloo for a bachelor of religious studies and Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana for her masters of divinity degree (now Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary)."

In addition to holding several pastoral positions in her career, she spent five years in South Korea teaching English as a second language.

"I went for a year between pastorates, and stayed for five.

"I was naïve about Asian cultures, so it became the experience of a lifetime," she said.

After a year teaching in an elementary school, Salo taught tourism and hospitality students at Woosuk University in Wanju County of North Jeolla Province.

"I was enriched by this experience. It was life-changing," she said.

This will be the third time in her career that she has been the first female minister in a congregation's history.

Men are leaving church ministry careers for many reasons, and women are filling the void, Salo said.

Historically, Mennonites did not ordain women, Hildebrandt and Derksen agreed.

New board member: Library is Didsbury's hub

BY FRANK DABBS

MVP Staff

The newest board member volunteered "thoughtfully and with concern" for the challenges the Didsbury Municipal Library faces, says director Inez Kolinski.

Town council appointed Hope DeWitt to the library board July 14.

DeWitt applied for the position after returning to the community following a seven-year absence in Missoula, Mont.

"Hope came into the library to use our Internet connection and spent many hours here," Kolinski said.

"She had conversations with me and board chair Maia Foster, and attended

some council meetings.

"She knows what she is getting into; being a member of our board is not a soft appointment.

"Libraries can be the hub of the community, the centre of the wheel, like a small bakery where you go for a treat and to see friends," DeWitt said.

"I am dedicated to keeping our library in Didsbury healthy and strong.

"The staff struggles to make ends meet and when it rains they struggle to keep the books under the leaky roof dry.

"We can work together to nurture this unique place."

The decision that there would be no charge for library cards was a water-

shed moment, DeWitt says.

"The library has drawn in people who don't have the money to go to university but are willing to self-teach if they have access to the resources of a library."

Coun. Sheila Schulz, the town councillor who sits on the library board, said, "Hope will bring a new and different energy and expertise to the board table that I look forward to seeing in September, when the board meetings resume."

DeWitt is a former Olds College land and water resources department instructional assistant.

She immigrated to Montana to marry Michael DeWitt, a criminal defence attorney.

Many know DeWitt by her maiden name of Patko.

She has a strong sense of local history and owns one of the town's earliest-built homes located on 23rd Street, the former historic Calgary and Edmonton Trail.

"I have photos of the house when my neighbours' lots were pastures," DeWitt said.

Michael will now immigrate to Canada.

"He loves small towns and he loves Didsbury," said DeWitt.

"Didsbury is a town waiting to happen," said DeWitt.

"I hope the library is a place where I can make a difference."

Still lots to do this summer

BY FRANK DABBS
MVP Staff

There are many quieter events in Didsbury for the family and children this summer.

At the museum, there is a museum sleuth competition with eight draws on Aug. 29 for gift certificates worth \$25 each.

The Didsbury & District Chamber of Commerce is providing the \$25 certificates redeemable at participating local businesses.

Sleuths will search each week for an artifact in the museum.

When they find it, their cards are stamped and when the card is full, it is entered in the draw.

The Didsbury Municipal Library has a free Summer Reading program until August 21 for children five to 12 years of age.

The theme this summer is 'play', in the reading, crafts, games and other activities.

"We believe that summertime is all about freedom, no school, few rules and little structure," said a spokesperson for program sponsor TD Bank.

"We are encouraging children to see reading as play and to discover that the joyful, boundless and carefree feelings associated with play can just be found in a great book."

The Aquatic Centre has a full schedule through the summer with public swims each afternoon and evening during which the waterslide and ropes can be enjoyed.

There is an early bird swim each morning for lap swimming only, and late morning aqua fit sessions Mondays,

Wednesdays and Fridays and aqua lite sessions Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Lunch hours are set aside for parent and toddler laps.

Daily lessons, swim club, late evening adult workouts and the Neighbourhood Place summer camp round out the 14-hour weekday schedule.

Saturday and Sunday have a quieter seven-hour calendar at the swimming pool.

Summer outings in Didsbury include rounds of golf at the Didsbury Golf Club.

Churches have con-

certs and visiting preachers scheduled.

There are soccer practices and tournaments through the summer, and baseball leagues and games at the town's three diamonds.

The town's 13 parks and playgrounds have badminton and tennis courts, picnic tables and children's play areas.

The Rosebud Valley and Elkton Valley campgrounds and RV parks are full up through the summer weekends, with the half-dozen other places to camp within driving distance of the town also extremely busy.



File Photo/MVP Staff

Conservative candidate for federal Red Deer-Mountain View riding Earl Dreeschen and his wife Judy on their farm near Pine Lake during the last federal election.

Federal Election Candidates vy for Red Deer-Mountain View riding

BY KRISTINE JEAN
MVP Staff

And they're off.

The writ has officially been dropped and the 2015 federal election campaign is underway although not all candidates have been selected for the Red Deer-Mountain View riding.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper met with Gov.-Gen. David Johnston on Aug. 2 and requested that he dissolve Parliament, thus kicking off the 11-week election campaign.

"I think most people were expecting it. The other opposition parties have been out campaigning for the last two or three weeks," said Earl Dreeschen, the former member of Parliament for the riding that included Innisfail and Penhold. "This way everybody's on the same page and the same rules apply to everybody."

The longest election campaign in modern history will give candidates 78 days to knock on doors and give the public a longer time to get to know their local party representatives.

Not all candidates for the new Red Deer-Mountain View riding - which Didsbury is a part of - have been chosen, as some parties still have to hold nomination meetings.

Parties without a nominated candidate thus far include the Green Party, the Liberal Party and the New Democratic Party. Three candidates are in the running for the NDP nomination, including Paul Harris, Dianne Macaulay and former Green Party candidate Evan Bedford.

The party will hold its nomination on Aug. 24 at the Red Deer public library.

The Libertarian Party candidate in this year's federal election is James Walper. First elected member of Parliament in 2008, Dreeschen will run as the Conservative candidate for the third consecutive time.

Since the last election in 2011, several changes have taken place in Alberta and in the riding.

Once known as Red Deer, it was split into two ridings, Red Deer-Lacombe and Red Deer-Mountain View. The province also gained an additional six seats, increasing them from 28 to 34.

The redistribution of seats across Canada was introduced after the 2011 election to reflect the country's growing population.

"It actually increases the size of the riding, but instead of the representation being in that 130- to 140,000 person range, it's now around 110,000 to

get the numbers a little bit closer to the average that you have," said Dreeschen. "In order to do that, the boundaries commission looked at various indicators and this is what they had decided to do for Central Alberta," he added, noting the high number of newcomers to the province over the last 10 years.

Alberta recently held its provincial election in May, which saw the Progressive Conservatives kicked out of power and the New Democrats ushered in, in a surprise victory. Dreeschen said he feels that the NDP victory in May won't influence the federal election campaign too much, although his party will continue to strongly focus on Alberta for the duration of the campaign.

"When it comes to the federal election, people have said they are going to double their efforts (here) to make sure the conservative support comes out," he said.

"They are concerned about people being complacent but they are two entirely different scenarios. We have had eight years, seven years since I've been there, where we've taken the country through some extremely difficult situations," he added.

He noted the government's commitment to economy, job creation and the environment. "We will work hard every day as I've done in the last two campaigns."

Dreeschen noted some of the issues he expects will be at the forefront of the 2015 election campaign, including the economy, jobs and crime.

"The issues that people have spoken to me about over the last number of years, have primarily been justice issues and making sure that our streets and communities are safe," said Dreeschen, noting his work with local municipalities across the riding.

"Making sure that (citizens) have an opportunity to look after their family and do the things they need to do to be successful and that communities are safe places for their families to be in."

Like several other candidates and parties across the country, Dreeschen is finalizing campaign headquarters, events and materials, but his campaign team is in full swing.

"I have a great group of volunteers that know how difficult it is to run a campaign. They keep encouraging me," said Dreeschen. "A lot of different preliminary things (still) need to be done but we're out every day."

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John Jeffries works to remove bees from the walls of Bill and Kathleen Windsor's barn.

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The beehive that was built in the Windsors' barn.

40,000-strong swarm captured

BY FRANK DABBS
MVP Staff

A swarm of 40,000 feral bees searching for a new home took over Bill and Kathleen Windsor's barn wall near Didsbury July 30 and 31 until beekeeper John Jeffries adopted them.

"Likely the bees had outgrown their hive and the queen was ousted," Windsor said.

"John thinks there are several feral hives within a three-kilometre radius," he recounted.

The bees were attempting to take over an abandoned hive in the barn wall, Windsor said.

"It was quite something to see the swarm on the wall."

The Windsors called Jeffries who used a vacuum to gather up the swarm in a five-hour process that included giving the bees a chance to gather

around the new hive.

"He was 99 per cent sure he got the queen in the first batch," Windsor said.

"I was amazed to see how calm the bees remained as Jeffries removed them."

The bees were placed in a temporary hive and Jeffries took them to his apiary.

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Team Alberta inline hockey players win bronze

DeDominicis, Fawns and Campbell qualified in May

BY FRANK DABBS
MVP Staff

Three local boys won bronze medals with Team Alberta at the inline hockey State Wars in St. Peter's, Miss. at the July 29 to Aug. 3 tournament.

Cole DeDominicis, Tage Fawns and Noah Campbell qualified to join the 2000 age group team at a

tryout in May, said team assistant Darron Campbell.

Team Alberta finished sixth out of 13 teams after two days of four round robin games.

This record made them eligible for the playoffs.

The Albertans beat Texas and Northern California to enter the bronze medal game with Pennsylvania.

Team Alberta won that game 3 to 2, Campbell said.

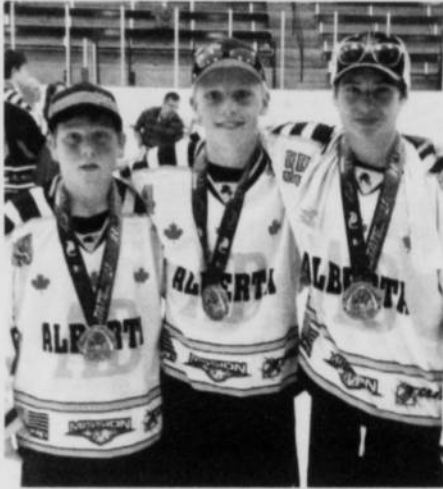
Inline hockey played on single-blade roller skates on cement or composite floors is a fast game because there is no icing or offside and no bodily contact.

The season is in April to June culminating with provincial championships followed by several summer tournaments.



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GREY CUP SMILES - Marg Geisler hugs the Grey Cup during an event at the Westview Co-op parking lot in Olds on Aug. 6.



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Cole DeDominicis, Tage Fawns and Noah Campbell are State Wars inline hockey bronze medalists.

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Opinion

Editorial Ford trucks get the thieves' vote

There is a crime spree in Didsbury this summer involving the time-honoured coffee shop feud between Ford, Dodge and GM pickup truck owners.

Seems that truck thieves favour Fords by a wide margin. Go figure.

In the past two weeks, half a dozen Ford trucks have been stolen on the streets of Didsbury, as Patricia Riley reports elsewhere in this newspaper.

Meanwhile, Dodge and GM pickups are getting diplomatic immunity from the vehicle bandits.



**FRANK
DABBS**

Even Toyotas, if there are any around here, have been exempted from the rash of thefts.

This may be a temporary thing.

After all, Dodges, GMs and Toyotas are not nailed down and what is fashionable among the malefactors may be as fickle as the choice between cowboy hats and ball caps.

One way to cool off the crime spree is to lock up the vehicle.

At least some of the thefts take place when the owners leave the keys in the ignitions of the trucks.

That said, the spate of stolen trucks points to a deeper problem than the preference of truck brands among four-wheeled rustlers, even though non-criminal grown-ups almost come to blows over the matter.

Part of the background in this town is the relatively constant level of minor crime.

Time was when ranch hands and roughnecks getting drunk on Saturday night and punching each other out in the alleys behind the bars was the annoying but expected height of criminality.

That was then, but this is now.

Now things are more serious and stolen trucks are the symptom of a deeper social malaise.

There are as many reasons for crime as there are criminals.

To be down and out in Didsbury brings on hopelessness, petty violence and abuse.

The economic downturn breeds its own level of both property crime and crimes against persons.

The trade and use of fentanyl, "medicinal" marijuana, amphetamines, oxycodone and crack cocaine are not unknown on our streets and ignite law breaking.

Social responsibility gives way to personal irresponsibility.

It is easy to editorialize about crime, its causes and its remedies.

It needs to be said, however, that Didsbury is hurting more than it should because of the lawlessness of a small minority who shape society more profoundly than is widely realized.

Perhaps fresh eyes see things differently, more clearly.

This is not simply a police matter, a problem to be handed over to the RCMP and left in their laps.

Nor can it be passed over to the politicians.

It is our problem as citizens.

The people of Didsbury this summer are staging splendid rodeos, gymkhanas, car cruises and swim lessons...

The people of Didsbury this summer put their shoulders to the wheel to take care of their neighbours and customers, clients and congregations...

We need to take care of crime before it reaches the tipping point that diminishes a safe, secure rural Alberta community into something less.



Commentary Legal eagles should not dis their own

BY JOHN CARPAY

The Law Society of Alberta has commenced disciplinary proceedings against Ezra Levant over his comments in a newspaper column about the Alberta Human Rights Commission and about Arman Chak, another lawyer.

In a 2014 column entitled Next stop, crazy town, Levant wrote that Chak, a prosecutor with the Alberta Human Rights Commission, supports "a global, international Muslim super-state" known as the "ummah." Levant quoted Chak as having allegedly diminished the gravity of the genocide and rape perpetrated in 1971 by the West Pakistan military, which killed between 300,000 and three million people, and raped between 200,000 and 400,000 Bangladeshi women.

Instead of suing Levant for defamation, Chak filed a complaint with the law society, claiming that Levant's comments were in violation of the lawyers' Code of Conduct, as "inappropriate and unbecoming" for a lawyer.

Levant has criticized Canada's human rights laws for obvious faults that many others – including lawyers – have pointed out, including the denial of basic fairness to those who stand accused of racism, sexism or other "isms".

Chak claims that Levant failed to encourage public respect for the administration of justice, and violated the lawyers' Code of Conduct by making "petty, intemperate" criticisms.

The code requires lawyers to "encourage public respect for the administration of justice," but also states that lawyers must "try to improve the administration of justice." It goes on to state that "a lawyer should not hesitate to speak out against an injustice" and expressly upholds the right of lawyers to criticize "laws, legal institutions, and public authorities."

Injustices are never defeated without vigorous criticism. For example, slavery, totalitarian socialism

(in both its Nazi and communist manifestations) and the legal oppression of women were subjected to decades of scathing denunciation before they were defeated in the West.

The U.S. Supreme Court in *Dred Scott v. Sanford* ruled in 1857 that African Americans could never be U.S. citizens, and that the federal government had no power to regulate slavery in federal territories. Fierce and scornful condemnation of this decision – by lawyers and non-lawyers alike – was part of the anti-slavery effort that ultimately succeeded.

In 1928, the Supreme Court of Canada unanimously decided that women were not "persons" who could hold public office as Canadian senators. This has been subjected to savage and withering criticism on the part of lawyers and all citizens, as well.

The Canadian Bar Association (CBA) has publicly advocated for left-wing positions on a long list of public-policy issues, including same-sex marriage, gun control and climate change, to name a few. While the CBA does not represent the opinions of all lawyers on these or other issues, it's clear that lawyers have as much a right to criticize laws, policies and court decisions as anyone else.

In light of the manifest unfairness of Human Rights Tribunal procedures, and rulings that undermine our basic Charter freedoms, it is neither fair nor realistic to expect all criticisms to be "temperate."

For a lawyer to file a complaint with the law society about the contents of another lawyer's newspaper column, and for the law society to commence disciplinary proceedings against the column's author, does nothing to encourage public respect for the administration of justice. If anything, this undermines respect for the legal profession, and creates a climate of fear.

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Provincial gov't is destabilizing the economy: Cooper

BY DOUG COLLIE
MVP Staff

The NDP government is hurting the province by creating "instability in the marketplace" in five ways, according to Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills MLA Nathan Cooper.

He listed those things during a speech to the Rotary Club of Olds.

"The role of government is to provide stability to the marketplace and to people so that the economy can then be strengthened. What we've seen so far from the current government is not policy that strengthens that stability, but destabilizes the economy," Cooper said.

He said one problem is the government's announcement that it's gradually increasing the minimum wage in the province to \$15 an hour by 2018.

Cooper described that wage as "the highest minimum wage in the country and a significant, significant risk to small business."

Cooper said the NDP government decided to implement that wage raise without consulting small business owners. He dropped off copies of a survey on that wage rate and encouraged business owners



Wildrose Leader Brian Jean and Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills MLA Nathan Cooper speak with reporters in Olds on Aug. 7.

to fill it out, indicating how it would impact their business.

"I hope to say, 'hey, I talked to 250 small business owners in my community and this is what they say the impacts are going to be'," he said.

Two other steps the government announced that Cooper considers to be wrong-headed are the doubling of the price of carbon and a review of the province's royalty rates for extracting oil and gas.

"If the former government had introduced something like that with absolutely no framework, it just creates instability in the marketplace and Albertans would have been

out of their mind about it," he said.

Cooper criticized the provincial government for two other moves – increasing business taxes and to replace the flat tax with a progressive income tax, under which Albertans will pay a higher percentage of taxes, if they earn more income than others.

"So we have the royalty review, we have the increase in business taxes, the people who drive our economy, they're raising taxes on those folks; raising taxes on the hardest working Albertans – or hard-working Albertans – in the form of the death of the

flat tax," Cooper said.

"We now have a progressive income tax that doesn't encourage the entrepreneurial spirit of Alberta," he added.

"The end of the Alberta advantage was, in my opinion, the doing away with the flat tax. You can easily go to another jurisdiction in Western Canada, have a very similar tax rate, and so there's no longer that incentive to live and grow your business here in Alberta because we value that growth."

Cooper said as an Albertan he's hopeful the NDP government made those decisions quickly and early in its mandate to pacify its base and that over time, it will govern closer to the centre of the political spectrum.

"Whether or not they do that I'm not entirely sure. As an Albertan, I hope they do. As a politician (I'm thinking) 'go ahead and govern out on the left, it's really good for me'," he said.

"But I am an Albertan prior to being a politician so it's my hope that I can do – and the Opposition can do – what we can to ensure that we can get that sort of centralist NDP – kind of like a made-in-Alberta NDP, so that it's better for all of us."

Cooper said a friend of his came to him a while ago expressing concern about the new government and where it will take the province.

He said he's confident that in the end, Alberta will still be a great place to live and run a business because "it's not the government that makes Alberta great, it's not politicians that make Alberta great, it's Albertans," Cooper said.

"In spite of whatever the government does, they pull up their bootstraps in the middle of a downturn, they lead by example, and they set the pace for the country and the government isn't going to change that at all."

At the end of Cooper's speech, Rotary Club of Olds president Terry Cody gave Cooper a pen featuring the club's four-way test regarding the things members think, say and do: "is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build good will and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?"

"This is a pen and it has our four-way test on it so you can keep your colleagues in line," Cody said.

"Sometimes they have a problem with the 'is it the truth' one," Cooper said, sparking laughter.

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Lock your doors RCMP caution

BY PATRICIA RILEY
MVP Staff

Didsbury RCMP officers are trying to get to the root of why break and enters and thefts are on the rise.

After analyzing statistics, Sgt. Kimberley Pasloske said 86 per cent of vehicle thefts reported from April 1 to June 30 this year happened on a Sunday or Monday.

More than half of those thefts occurred overnight and nearly half of them were in rural areas.

"Suspects are targeting mid-to-late 2000s Ford F series trucks and it's a very common trend," said Pasloske.

"A lot of times those vehicles are left unlocked. We're asking the people out there if you have that kind of vehicle that is a hot commodity make sure that it's locked, make sure that you don't have any valuables inside."

She also said in many cases the keys were inside the vehicles that were stolen during that time period, making it easier for the thieves.

Statistics also show the vehicles stolen from Didsbury were relocated as far north as Red Deer and as far south as Calgary.

Several of the property thefts that occurred during that time frame were also by people gaining access through unlocked doors.

Targeted items were jewelry boxes,

jewelry, cash, loose change and small electronics including iPods and cameras.

"If people out there have jewelry boxes or have valuable jewelry, take that jewelry out and put it in a safe or somewhere secure," she said.

People who stole items without breaking and entering were looking for tools, electronics, wallets, change and licence plates, she added.

To deter these kind of thefts from happening, she recommends safeguarding, locking all doors and installing video or camera surveillance.

"And just basically being aware that this is what's happening. So if you've got those items that are being targeted, keep them safe."

Officers plan to focus on reducing property crime over the next few months, after seeing an increase in break and enters and thefts this year.

Statistics show there has been 36 break and enters reported across the total detachment area from April 1 to June 30, while during the same time frame last year there were 15.

There were also 46 reports of theft under \$5,000 this year, which is an increase from 32 last year.

In Carstairs alone, there were 10 break and enters reported this year and five last year, and there were nine thefts under \$5,000 reported this year while there were three last year.



Noel West/MVP Staff

Didsbury firefighters battle a hay bale fire on a rural property northeast of Didsbury on Aug. 5.

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Gas tank-drilling thieves on the prowl

BY DOUG COLLIE
MVP Staff

As of last week, thieves were still stealing gas from Olds and area vehicles by drilling holes in their gas tanks.

That happened to a

truck belonging to Olds resident Sandra McCurdy on the night of July 27.

The thieves, who did the deed somewhere between midnight and 6 a.m., were pretty brazen. "Our truck was parked in our driveway," she

says. "They drilled a hole in our gas tank and then drained at least three-quarters of the gas out of it and left it," she says.

McCurdy says she's not the only victim - in fact, not the only victim on her block.

"The neighbour didn't even know. She smelled gas, but didn't know that that's why she smelled gas until they (on social media) posted a photo. Then she looked at her truck," she says.

Olds RCMP Staff Sgt.

Joe Sangster confirms police here are working on the case, but it's not easy.

"We've had guys out on our mountain bikes patrolling and skulking and we haven't been able to catch these guys in the act. It's one of those things; it's dark," he says.

"We have a pretty good idea who it is," Sangster says, adding various thefts seem to be linked.

"We have our regular seven, eight, nine guys that are active and we put them in jail. It's like theft of mail. We've got a couple of guys with stolen vehicles in the last little while; they're in remand and low and behold, the theft from mailboxes has stopped, so imagine that.

"It is what it is, but we'd love for people to keep their eyes out and

if they see anything, give us a call right away."

Sangster says one of the Olds RCMP members had his gas tank drilled, so police know first-hand the how damaging and costly that can be, costing as much as \$2,000 if a new gas tank is needed.

McCurdy says Ford F-150 pickup trucks seem to be targeted. Sangster could not confirm that, but noted the truck owned by the local police officer was that make and model.

"I just want the community to be aware that this is happening, and to be vigilant. There's obviously somebody patrolling around the neighbourhoods, seeing where these (vehicles) are and then targeting them at night," McCurdy says.

"I just want it to stop; I want them caught."

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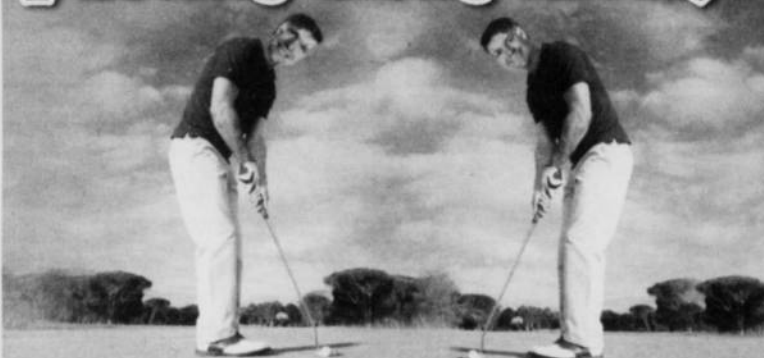
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71 Southridge Crescent



Great home for first time buyers or revenue property, 3 + 1 bedrooms, 2 baths, large back yard with deck, fully fenced.

\$224,900

46 Stromsray Gate, Carstairs



Spacious floor plan in this 50+ condo unit, hardwood floors, coffered ceiling in living room, gas fireplace, amazing ensuite, covered rear deck with gas hookup, double garage, close to the golf course.

\$439,900

127 Southridge Crescent



3 + 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, huge double lot, double attached garage, large main floor family room.

\$254,900

52 Stromsray Gate, Carstairs



Fantastic 50+ home, over 2400 sq. ft. developed, quartz counter tops, large walk-in pantry, walkout on third level, gas fireplace, etc...

\$439,900

207 Westhill Close



Awesome location, 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, front walkout, single attached garage, 2 decks, large lot

\$256,900

14 Princess Petra Avenue



Great affordable townhouse with no condo fees, 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, nice fenced yard, front covered deck and rear deck as well, low maintenance yard, vinyl shed

\$149,900

39 Didsbury Mobile Home Park



2 bedroom mobile on rented lot, lots of upgrades in recent years, hardwood, laminate, new maple kitchen, built-in oak desk/wall unit, rear deck, 2 storage sheds.

\$29,900

2510 - 15 Avenue



Great family home 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, gas fireplace, wrap-around treated deck, gorgeous yard, nice location.

\$269,900

2034 - 18 Avenue



Great starter or revenue property, 2 bedrooms plus developed attic, newer furnace, old time single garage, residential/commercial zoning

\$189,900

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